Cost of Cultivation of Wheat and Sugarcane

4825. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per hectare cost of cultivation of wheat and sugarcane during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(b) the production of these crops dunng the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The per hectare cost of cultivation of wheat and sugarcane for some of the important States for years available is given below:

Cost of Cultivation (in Rs.)

States	*Years*	
	1988-89	*1989-90*
Wheat		
Haryana	4967.89	-
Punjab	6686.22	6991.52
Sugarcane		
Maharastra	16067.60	18612.90

(b) production of Wheat and Sugarcane - All India

(*Production in '000 tonnes*)

Years	Wheat	Sugarcane
1988-89	54110.2	203036.8
1989-90	49849.5	225569.2
1990-91	54522.1	240287.1

Excise Duty on Diesel

4826. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had exempted the excise duty on diesel used by fishing boats purchased through co-operative societies;

(b) whether this concession is not being given at present; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the